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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. ARGENTINA: LABOR SEEKS POLITICAL RESTRUCTURING

ORGANIZED LABOR LEADERSHIP, WITH THE SUPPORT OF ANTI-LOPEZ REGA PERONISTS, REACHED AGREEMENT JULY 14 THAT SOLUTION TO THE CURRENT NATIONAL CRISIS REQUIRES:

--COMPLETE RESTRUCTURING OF THE JUSTICIALIST PARTY AND THE PERONIST MOVEMENT;

--COMPLETE REORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTRY'S POLITICAL AND SOCIAL FORCES, INCLUDING THE REESTABLISHMENT OF CONSENSUS POLITICS WITH THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, THE BUSINESS SECTOR, AND THE ARMED FORCES;

--A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY HEADED BY A
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COALITION CABINET IN WHICH LABOR WOULD PLAY A PRE-EMINENT ROLE.

LABOR'S DEMANDS WERE CONVEYED TO CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

PRESIDENT LASTIRI, WHO WAS NOT CONCILIATORY. IN AN OBVIOUS REFERENCE TO ANTICIPATED LOANS FROM US BANKS,

LASTIRI ALLEGEDLY TOLD THE LABOR REPRESENTATIVES THEY SHOULD TREAD SOFTLY AS THE GOA WILL VERY SHORTLY HAVE SUFFICIENT FUNDS TO RIDE OUT THE ECONOMIC CRISIS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE LABOR LEADERSHIP WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN FORCING A RESTRUCTURING OF THE JUSTICIALIST PARTY BUT NOT IN OBTAINING THE PRE-EMINENCE IT IS SEEKING, SINCE THE LEADERSHIP ITSELF IS SERIOUSLY DIVIDED FOLLOWING THE RECENT POWER PLAY AGAINST MRS. PERON. MOST DISTURBING FROM THE US VIEWPOINT IS LASTIRI'S INTERJECTION OF US LOANS INTO DOMESTIC POLITICS. (CONFIDENTIAL) BUENOS AIRES 4715, 7/16.

2. EGYPTIANS LIST DEMANDS FOR UNEF RENEWAL

IN TALKS WITH REPORTERS AND UN DIPLOMATS JULY 16, EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR MEGUID NOTED THREE PRINCIPAL REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL OF THE UNEF MANDATE. THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MUST:

--DEMAND ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES;

--SET A TIMETABLE FOR SUCH WITHDRAWAL;

--RECOGNIZE THE URGENCY OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AND ITS SIMILARITY TO THAT OF JULY 1973, WHEN EGYPT WAS DRIVEN TO WAR BY THE COUNCIL'S FAILURE TO MEET EGYPT'S JUST DEMANDS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) USUN 3339, 7/17.

3. ISRAELI SUSPENSION: KHADDAM IGNORED ADVICE

A SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL COMPLAINED TO AMBASSADOR SECRET

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SADOR MURPHY THAT, IN CALLING FOR ISRAEL'S SUSPENSION FROM THE UNGA, KHADDAM WAS IGNORING THE ADVICE OF SYRIA'S DIPLOMATS. THE OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT ANNOUNCEMENT OF A RESUMPTION DATE FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WOULD CAUSE KHADDAM TO WITHDRAW HIS INITIATIVE, EVEN IF THE ANNOUNCED DATE COMES AFTER THE UNGA. (CONFIDENTIAL) DAMASCUS 2711, 7/16 (LIMDIS).

4. SAUDIS SEEK JOINT AID PROGRAM FOR SOMALIA

PRINCE SAUD TOLD AMBASSADOR AKINS ON JULY 14 THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO SAUDI ARABIA TO GET THE SOVIETS OUT OF SOMALIA. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT SOVIET AID,

LARGELY FOR DROUGHT ASSISTANCE, AMOUNTS TO \$60 MILLION,

AND ASKED WHETHER THE USG WOULD HELP REPLACE THE
SOVIET AID BY MATCHING A \$30 MILLION DONATION BY THE
SAG.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE SAUDIS CLEARLY WANT TO DO SOMETHING
TO COUNTER SOVIET INFLUENCE IN SOMALIA BUT SEEM WILLING
TO MOVE ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE US. (CONFIDENTIAL)
JIDDA 5069, 7/16 (LIMDIS).

5. PHILIPPINE-SOVIET RELATIONS

ACCORDING TO CABINET SOURCES IN MANILA, IT IS BECOMING
INCREASINGLY LIKELY THAT MARCOS WILL VISIT MOSCOW THE
LATTER PART OF AUGUST TO OPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
THE SOVIET UNION. ACCORDING TO THE SOURCES:

--A PHILIPPINE DELEGATION IS PRESENTLY IN MOSCOW
WORKING ON THE FINAL TEXT OF A TRADE AGREEMENT.

--TALKS ON A DIPLOMATIC LEVEL ARE BEING PURSUED BY
THE PHILIPPINE MISSIONS IN NEW YORK AND TOKYO.
(CONFIDENTIAL) MANILA 9730, 7/16 (LIMDIS)

6. SPANISH SAHARA: DOUBTS ABOUT ALGERIAN-MOROCCAN DEAL

EMBASSY ALGIERS CAUTIONS AGAINST ANY US INTERMEDIARY
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ROLE IN THE SPANISH SAHARA AND WARNS THAT US EFFORTS TO
PLAY SUCH A ROLE COULD LEAVE US "BETWEEN THE DOG AND
THE LAMP POST." THE EMBASSY BELIEVES:

--THE ATTITUDES OF THE FOUR PARTIES INVOLVED ARE
NOT YET CLEAR; AND

--EVIDENCE OF A MOROCCAN-ALGERIAN DEAL IS STILL
INCONCLUSIVE.

EMBASSY MADRID REPORTS THAT THE GOS BELIEVES THERE IS
NO FIRM EVIDENCE OF A GENUINE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MOROCCO
AND ALGERIA. AMBASSADOR STABLER FEELS A QUADRIPARTITE
CONFERENCE UNDER UN SPONSORSHIP COULD, DESPITE SPANISH
RESERVATIONS, EXERCISE SOME RESTRAINT ON THE CONTENDING
PARTIES. (SECRET) ALGIERS 1596 (EXDIS) 7/16; (CONFIDEN-
TIAL) MADRID 4949 (LIMDIS) 7/16. KISSINGER

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